



St Lawrence Church
LECHLADE-ON-THAMES
at Lechlade Memorial Hall

Sunday 29th March 2026

PALM SUNDAY

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION



**We will be using the brown service books
from page 1**

*Our service this morning will be live-streamed and
recorded from a camera near the front*

WELCOME *Denver Keegan*

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

***The people hold up palm crosses while
this prayer is said***

God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

HYMN

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue Your road,
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne
awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, Thy power and reign!

Henry Hart Milman

(Service book pages 1-3)

COLLECT

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as
Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you on the way of the
cross, which is the path of glory. **Amen**

BIBLE READING – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Church Bible Old Testament p576

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

HYMN *(twice)*

Come on and celebrate
His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us and gave us life.
We'll shout Your praise, O King,
You give us joy nothing else can bring,
we'll give to You our offering in celebration praise.

*Come on and celebrate, celebrate,
celebrate and sing,
celebrate and sing to the King.
Come on and celebrate, celebrate,
celebrate and sing,
celebrate and sing to the King.*

Patricia Morgan

GOSPEL READING – Luke 19:28-48

Church Bible New Testament p79

(before the reading)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

(after the reading)

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON *Rev Andrew Cinnamond*

CREED *(Service book page 4)*

NOTICES

PRAYERS *(Service book page 5)*

PEACE *(Service book page 5)*

HYMN

Make way, make way for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.

Fling wide the gates and welcome Him into your lives.

*Make way, (make way), make way, (make way),
for the King of kings, (for the King of kings).*

*Make way, (make way), make way, (make way),
and let His kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.

The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

Make way, (make way)....

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh;
with laughter, joy and royal crown He'll beautify.

Make way, (make way)....

We call you now to worship Him as Lord of all;
to have no gods before Him, their thrones must fall!

Make way, (make way)....

Graham Kendrick

COMMUNION (*Service book page 5 on*)

HYMNS during communion

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us, and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life
and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
torn for you, eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this bread of life
and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life
and we drink of His sacrifice,
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering
we proclaim, Christ will come again,
and we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.

Keith & Krystin Getty/Stuart Townend

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*Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

He offered His body, He poured out His soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

Broken for me....

Come to My table and with Me dine,
eat of My bread and drink of My wine:

Broken for me....

This is My body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you:

Broken for me....

This is My blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new:

Broken for me....

Janet Lunt

(Service book page 8)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the
form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross
for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and
to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God
the Father. **Amen**

HYMN (*during which a collection will be taken*)

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore Him;
praise Him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before Him,
praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;
worlds His mighty voice obeyed:
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance He hath made.

Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
never shall His promise fail:
God hath made His saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, His power proclaim;
heaven and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify His name!

Psalm 148

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

(Service book page 9)

*Members of the Prayer Ministry team are ready to
pray with you in confidence in the social room off the
main hall after the service this morning*

You may prefer to give contactlessly – if so
please use the payment unit by the main hall
door or scan this code with a smartphone.



Please feel free to take service sheets home